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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF GOG PARTICIPATION IN NACCFM

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SUMMARY: PRESS HAS GIVEN MINIMAL COVERAGE TO GUYANA'S ROLE
IN NACCFM. THIS MAY REFLECT DECLINING ENTHUSIASM OF SOME
GOG LEADERS OVER IMPORTANCE OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO GUYANA.
END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH FONMIN WILLS RETURNED FROM THE NACCFM ON APRIL 15,
NO PRESS MENTION OF HIS RETURN APPEARED UNTIL APRIL 27, WHEN
GOG-OWNED GUYANA CHRONICLE CARRIED A REPORT ON THE TRIP. THE
PAGE 7 ARTICLE REPORTED WILLS HAD BEEN ELECTED A VICE-
PRESIDENT FOR THE CONFERENCE AND THAT GUYANA HAD DISPLAYED A
HIGH PROFILE AT NACCFM. FONMIN WILLS HAD PREVIOUSLY COMPLAINED
TO US CHARGE THAT MINISTER OF INFORMATION FIELD-RIDLEY
HAD NOT WANTED TO COVER GUYANA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
NACCFM BUT THAT HE WAS INSISTING ON COVERAGE. THE ONLY
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PREVIOUS COVERAGE OF THE NACCFM HAD BEEN A BRIEF
REUTER-CANA ITEM WHICH DID NOT MENTION GUYANA.

2. THE CHRONICLE ARTICLE STRESSED THAT GUYANA'S REPORT
ON TRADE-TRANSPORT-INDUSTRY SECTOR OF ACTION PROGRAMME
FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS WELL RECEIVED. GUYANA, WHICH

IS EXECUTING GOVERNMENT FOR THIS SECTOR, SUPPOSEDLY REPORTED MUCH MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS THAN OTHER NATIONS WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECTORS OF THE PROGRAMME. REPORT QUOTED INFORMED SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT THERE IS STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT TRADE-TRANSPORT-INDUSTRY SECTOR MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM UN.

3. ACCORDING TO CHRONCILE, GUYANA'S PAPER ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES WAS WELL RECEIVED. ARTICLE, WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY SENIOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT MOHAMED HAMALUDIN, STATED ONLY THAT CONFERENCE HAD REAFFIRMED FIRM BELIEF THAT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS SHOULD MAINTAIN UNITY AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY IN EFFORT TO RESIST PRESSURES BROUGHT AGAINST THEM. ARTICLE NOTED THAT NACCFM HAD FOCUSED ON AFRICAN ISSUES AND DENOUNCED ACTS OF DESTABILIZATION AGAINST AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

4. REPORT STATED THAT NACCFM HAD AGAIN EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE BUT INDICATED THAT INDIA, ZAIRE, LIBERIA AND BANGLADESH HAD ENTERED RESERVATIONS ON THIS RESOLUTION. INDIA, JAMAICA, SRI LANKA, LIBERIA, ZAIRE, AND BANGLADESH HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS OVER ECONOMIC ASPECT OF PUERTO RICAN QUESTION.

5. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR DISCUSSION OF REPORT ON ACTION
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PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, ARTICLE DID NOT EXAMINE GUYANA'S ROLE IN NACCFM. WE SUSPECT THIS IS DUE TO GOG'S PREOCCUPATION THESE DAYS WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES AND THE REPORTED VIEWS OF SOME CABINET MINISTERS THAT GUYANA'S ACTIVIST ROLE IN NAM HAS BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF ACQUIRING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
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